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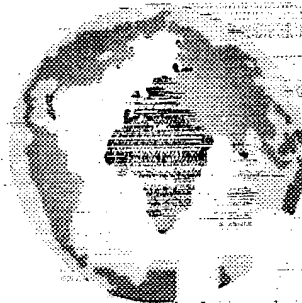
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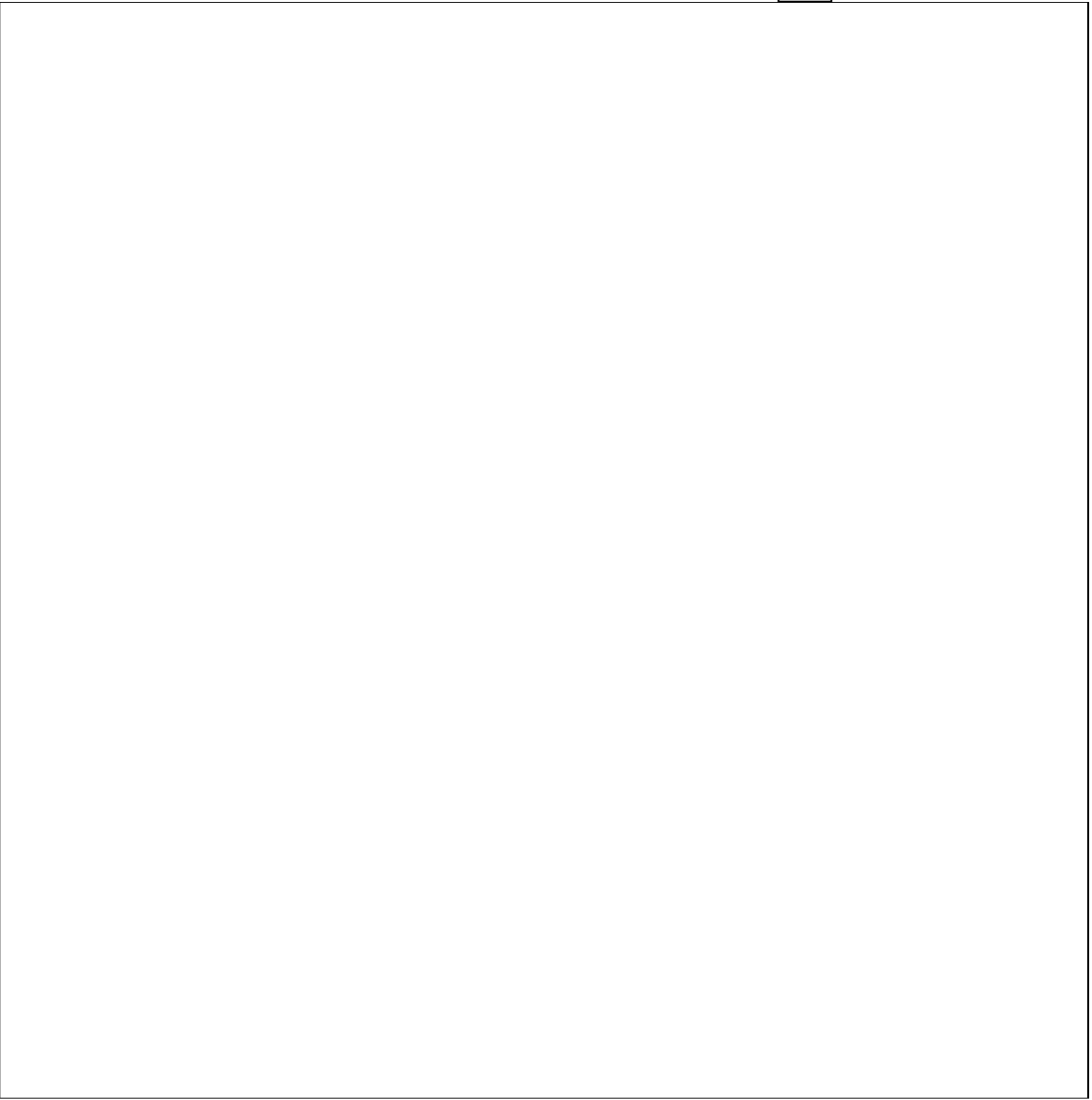
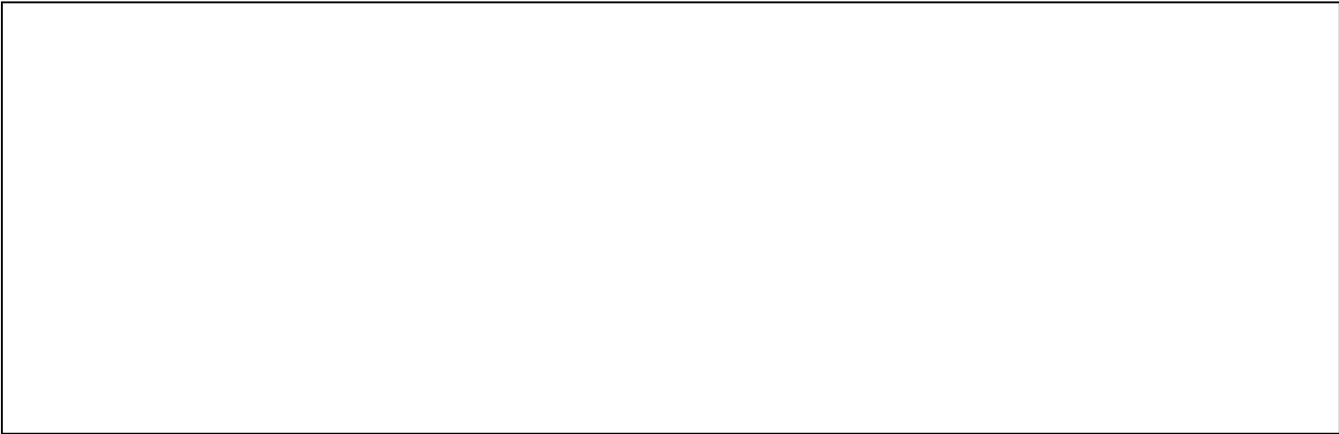
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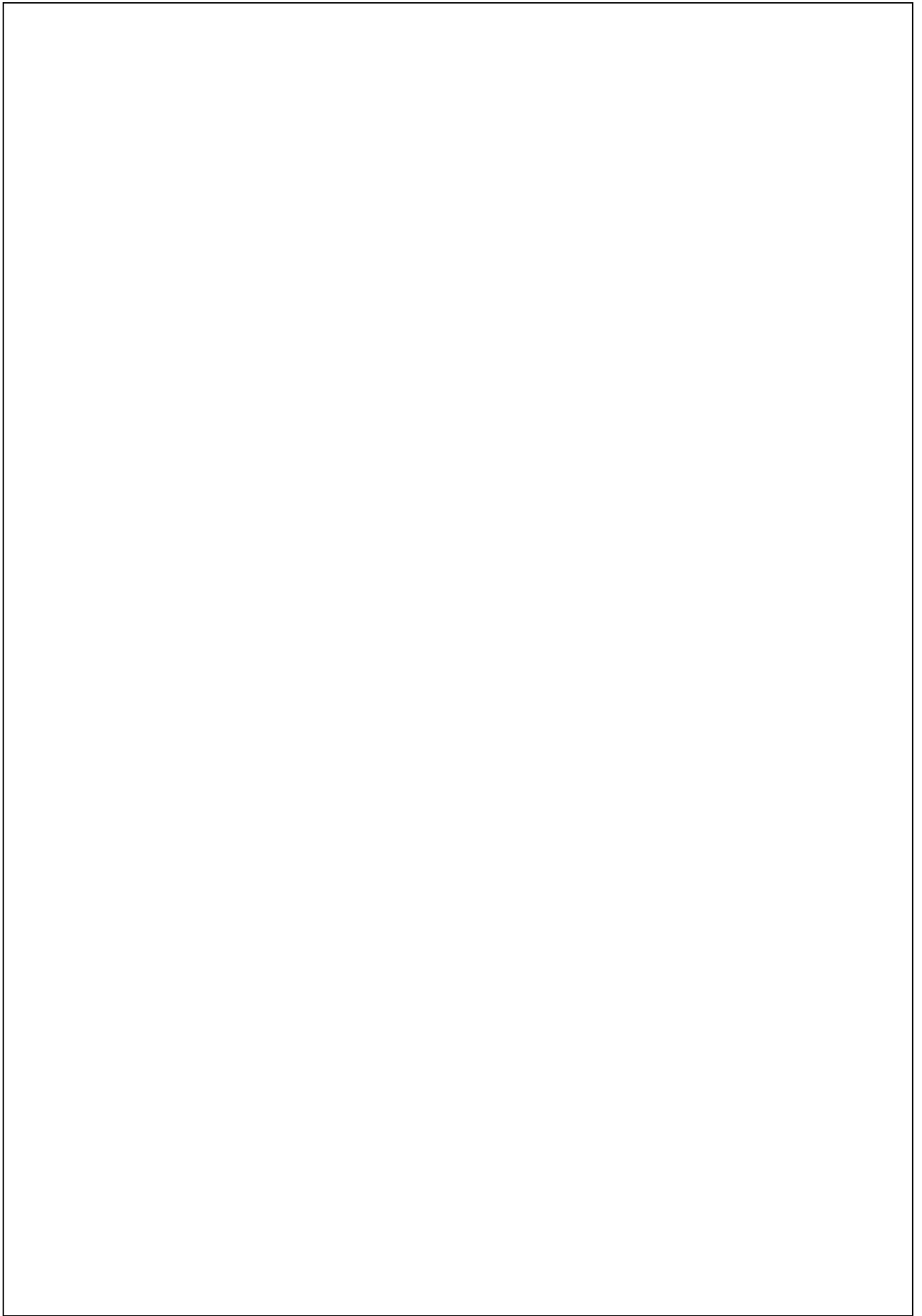
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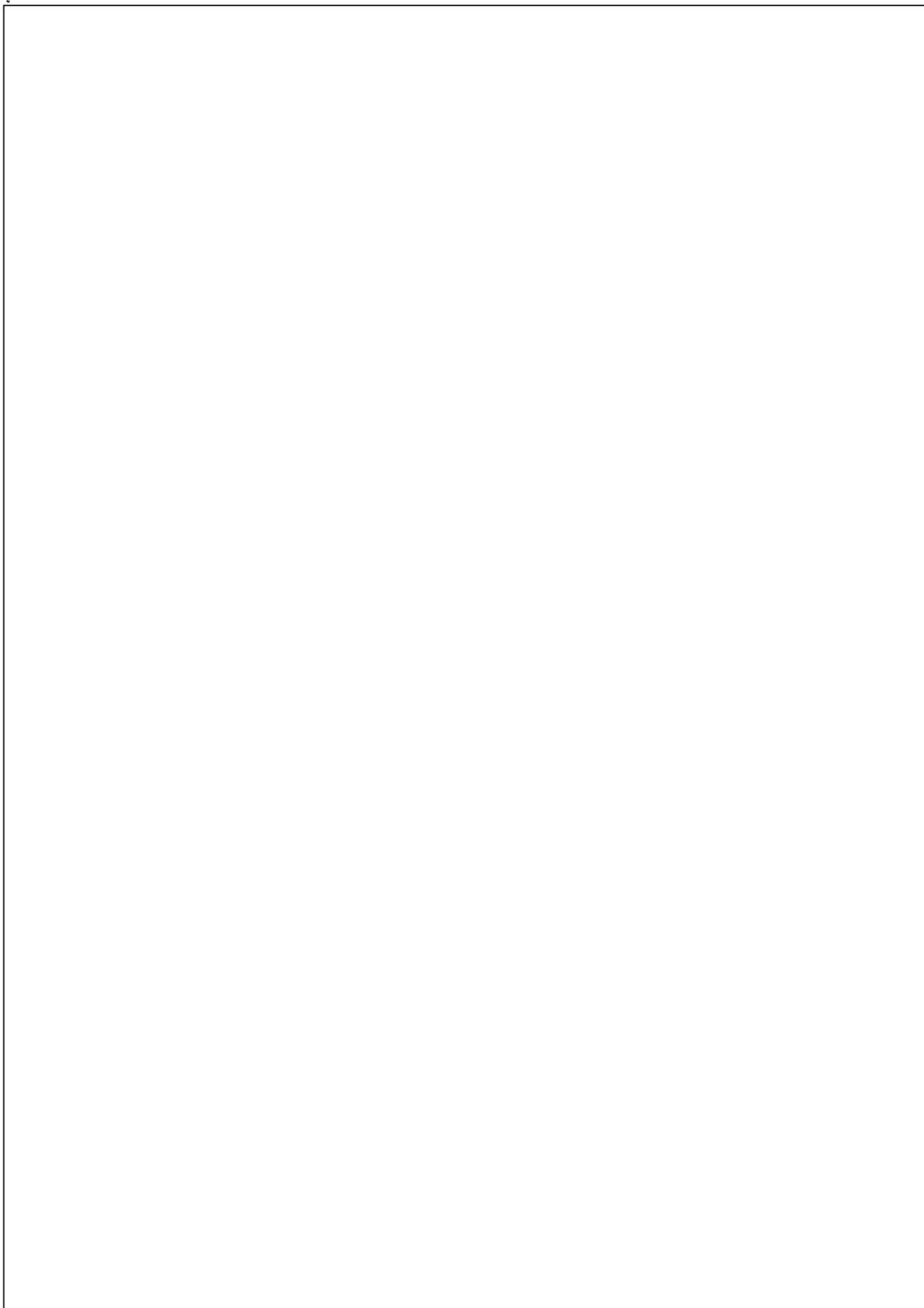
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China Accelerating Preparations for Next Nuclear Test

China appears to have taken steps to put its nuclear testing program back on schedule, possibly to complete high-priority testing before a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) takes effect.

The accelerated pace suggests that China is on track to complete five tests scheduled by the fall of 1996.

China may also conduct a test to increase its understanding of yield-scaling laws in preparation for future adherence to the Threshold Test Ban Treaty, which allows tests to 150 kilotons or a CTBT (if low-yield tests are allowed).